

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 18 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Therefore, by this amendment, claims 1-20 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102Rejection of claims 1-20 based on Jain

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,853 issued to Jain (*Jain*). For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicant submits that claims 1-20 are not anticipated by *Jain*.

Amended claim 1 recites the following:

determining whether the subsequent search request is one of the common search requests; and ...

Amended claim 8 is drawn to a machine-readable medium storing sequences of instructions, and recites similar limitations.

Jain discloses a method for allowing a search engine to search bookmarked uniform resource locators (URLs). See Abstract. A server hosts a search engine configured to receive a search request from a client device, locate Web pages that satisfy the search request, and provide the Web pages to the client device. See col. 4, lines 23-30. In addition, the search engine is configured to search a list of URLs received from the client device. See col. 4, lines 30-32.

Specifically, the search engine receives a search request and a list of bookmarked URLs, and determines whether the user has checked a box indicating that the user wants

the bookmarks searched in conjunction with the search request. See col. 5, lines 35-57; col. 7, lines 13-22. If the user wants the bookmarks to be searched, the search engine searches the list of URLs for Web pages that satisfy the search request. See col. 5, lines 35-64; col. 7, lines 22-26. The search engine then searches the Internet for Web pages that also satisfy the search request. See col. 5, line 65 – col. 6, line 3; col. 7, lines 30-32.

The search engine in *Jain* does not determine anything about a search request received from a client device. The search engine merely executes the search request, searching a list of URLs and/or the Internet. *Jain* does not disclose determining whether a subsequent search request is a common search request. Thus, *Jain* fails to teach at least one limitation of claims 1 and 8. Consequently, *Jain* does not anticipate claims 1 and 8 for at least the reasons set forth above. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. Claims 9-14 depend from claim 8. Because dependent claims include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicant submits that claims 2-7 and 9-14 are not anticipated by *Jain* for at least the reasons set forth above.

Amended claim 15 recites the following:

reconnecting the client device to the server based, at least in part, on the information related to the client access, if the connection is broken before the predetermined period of inactivity passes.

Amended claim 18 is drawn to a machine-readable medium storing sequences of instructions, and recites similar limitations.

As explained above, the search engine in *Jain* receives a search request and searches bookmarked URLs and/or the Internet for Web pages that satisfy the search

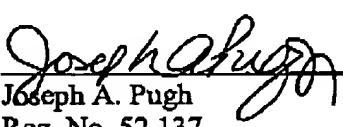
request. *Jain* does not disclose reconnecting a client device to a server based, at least in part, on information related to a client access, if a connection is broken before a predetermined period of inactivity passes. Thus, *Jain* fails to teach at least one limitation of claims 15 and 18. Consequently, *Jain* does not anticipate claims 15 and 18 for at least the reasons set forth above. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 16-17 depend from claim 15. Claims 19-20 depend from claim 18. Because dependent claims include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicant submits that claims 16-17 and 19-20 are not anticipated by *Jain* for at least the reasons set forth above.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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